QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Trivandrum Public Library.

1. * **Mr. James Fletcher**: (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for how many days the Trivandrum Public Library was closed on account of holidays during the year 1938;

(*b*) what is the total expenditure for one year for the staff of the reading section of the Public Library; and

(*c*) What extra expenditure will be required to keep the Public Library open every day of the year?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: (*Ag Secretary to Government.*) (*a*) 13 days.

(*b*) Rs. 912.

(*c*) Practically little or no additional expenditure will be involved in keeping the Library open every day of the year, but the holidays are allowed for other persons.

Mr. James Fletcher: Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary orders to keep the Public Library open every day?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, it is not possible because certain special holidays have to be allowed to the Attenders.

Legislative Council Library.

2. * **Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sum of money annually allotted for the Library of the Travancore Legislature

(*b*) what amounts were spent for the purchase of books or the library during the years 1111, 1112 and 1113; and

(*c*) whether any provision is made to make this library a well equipped one within one year from this date?

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai: (*Ag. Secretary to Government*:) (*a*) The amounts sanctioned in the budget for purchase of books and periodicals under 15 General administration—Legislative Bodies during the years 1111 to 1113 are Rs. 2,000, Rs. 1,800, and Rs. 1,800 respectively. A sum of Rs. 500 was provided additionally by diversion for the year 1112.

	Year.	*Amount spent.*
(*b*)	1111	Rs. 914
	1112	Rs. 2318
	1113	Rs. 1323

(*c*) As in previous years, provision has been made this year also for the purchase of books to make the Library a well-equipped one.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail (*Nominated*:) May I know whether any books have been purchased this year?

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Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai : Yes. Some books have been purchased and many more have been ordered for.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail May I know whether this is a well equipped Library ?

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai : It is so.

Cold storage plant in the Connemara Market at Trivandrum.

3. ***Mr. James Fletcher :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the total cost for the construction of a cold storage plant in Connemara Market, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) on what date was its construction completed ;

(*c*) what is the total expenditure incurred in connection with the working of the cold storage plant from the date of its completion to 31st December 1938 ;

(*d*) what is the total income from the cold storage plant from the date of its completion to 31st December 1938 ;

(*e*) who is now in charge of the cold storage plant: and

(*f*) whether the cold storage plant is working ; if not, is it in working order ?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 22344-23-12.

(*b*) 10th Karkadakom 1113.

(*c*) Rs. 1316 0-11 exclusive of the cost on experiments.

(*d*) Rs. 1207-8-6.

(*e*) The superintendent of Fisheries.

(*f*) Yes.

Pending suits in the Munsiffs' and the District Courts.

4. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnattanad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devikolam*) : Will the Government be pleased

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement showing the total number of cases included and kept pending in the waiting list in all the Munsiffs' Courts and in all the District Courts in the State on the 30th of Medam 1113 ;

(*b*) to state whether there is any restriction placed as to the age of cases to be included in the waiting list ; and

(*c*) to state whether there are cases included in the waiting list which are more than 2 years old, and, if so, what is the total number of such cases ?

Mr. M K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) The statement is laid on the table.

(*b*) There is no general rule. The Courts, which keep waiting lists, do not include very old cases in the lists.

(*c*) Yes ; 1103.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know when this system was first introduced ?

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